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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

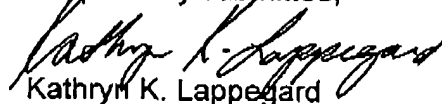
Claims 9-25, 28-31, 54-59, 61, 63-67, 69-72, 76-87, 96 and 97 are pending in the application.

Claims 11-18, 20, 22-25, 59, 69-72, 77-87, 96 and 97 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 9, 10, 19, 21, 28-29, 31, 56-57, and 76 have been amended. In claims 9, 10, 19, 21, 28, 31, and 76 the phrase --An isolated-- before "polypeptide" has been added. Claims 31, and 76 have been amended to recite mole % limitations. Support for the amendment is found on page 44, lines 17-21. In claim 31 the phrase --providing an increased level of essential amino acids with respect to SEQ ID NO:2-- is added on the first line. The phrase is supported in the application on pages 4 and 5.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and its allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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